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DEPARTMENT PASS NIACT IMMEDIATE TO USDEL DAMASCUS  
FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA, XF

SUBJECT: PLO PARTICIPATION IN MEPC

REF: (A) JIDDA 5290 (B) STATE 172419 (C) JIDDA 5109

(D) JIDDA 4969

1. IN A MEETING TODAY AUGUST 3 WITH AMBASSADOR WEST, DCM  
WILEY AND EMBASSY OFFICER LEWIS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
SECRETARY'S VISIT, FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD GAVE A LENGTHY  
DISCOURSE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN GEN-  
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ERAL AND SPECIFICALLY PLO REPRESENTATION AT THE MEPC AS THE  
KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE SAID,  
ALMOST INCIDENTALLY, THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH PLO CHAIR-  
MAN YASIR ARAFAT WITHIN THE HOUR.

2. SAUD SAID THAT IT WAS HIS JIDGEMENT THAT THE PLO WOULD  
SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER ITS POSITION ON UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND

338 IF RPT IF THE USG WOULD BE READY TO DEAL DIRECTLY  
WITH THE PLO AND INVITE THE ORGANIZATION TO GENEVA TO  
ATTEND THE MEPC.

3. SAUD'S SCENARIO WAS:

A) FIRST, THE PLO WOULD STATE PUBLICLY AND UNEQUIVLCALLY  
THAT IT ACCEPTS 242 AND 338 WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT  
THE RESOLUTIONS DID NOT DEAL WITH THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF  
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OR THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A HOME-  
LAND; FOLLOWED BY

B) USG STATEMENT OF ITS READINESS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH  
THE PLO AND INVITE ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEPC

4. PRINCE SAUD EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH THE PLO AND THE SAG  
WOULD WANT ASSURANCES THAT ACTION BY THE U.S. WOULD FOLLOW  
ON THE HEELS OF THE PLO STATEMENT.

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